



Dear Neighbours,

As we welcome November, I hope this message finds you well. I want to make sure I keep you all updated on the various goings on in Ottawa, most importantly some exciting news about our ongoing commitment to improving access to healthcare for all Canadians.

Last month, the Pharmacare Act has officially received Royal Assent, marking a significant milestone for our healthcare system. This legislation paves the way for universal, single-payer coverage for a variety of essential medications, including contraception and diabetes treatments- a truly historic step.

This initiative will empower nine million women and gender-diverse Canadians to access the contraception they need, ensuring their reproductive autonomy. Additionally, over three and a half million Canadians living with diabetes will receive crucial medications and resources without the burden of cost.

I firmly believe that every Canadian deserves access to healthcare, regardless of their financial situation. Through our partnerships with provinces and territories, we are one step closer to delivering better health care for everyone.





The act of Remembrance is one of the most important ways to honour and thank Veterans for their sacrifices. On the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, let us all pause to observe 2 minutes of silence to honour the Fallen, and recognize the sacrifices of all who served.

Don't forget to get a poppy today!

This effort focuses on uniting the community, with all funds raised going straight to support Veterans and their families.

Congratulations to all new Mayors and Councillors across the territory this month! I attended the Whitehorse Swearing-In Ceremony for our newly elected Mayors and Councillors. This event brought our City together and reinforces the connections that will influence Whitehorse's future.



National Pain Awareness Week

Pain is invisible, but the impact is real. This [#NationalPainAwarenessWeek](#), let's stand together to raise awareness, support those living with chronic pain, and break the stigma that keeps many from seeking help. Compassion and understanding are key and there are resources and supports available to help manage this condition.

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Nov 3rd - 9th 2024

National Pain Awareness Week



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Report of the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans (FOPO):

I had the honour to present the **Seventeenth** Report of the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans entitled “Challenges to the Sustainability of the Yukon Salmon Stocks”. This study was one I introduced to FOPO more than a year ago—one that examines the decline of Yukon River salmon and what we can all do to possibly restore this ecosystem. This report has been a lot of work in the making, and an study that is of enormous importance to Yukoners. Thank you to the Clerk of the Committee, the many Members, Canadians, and Yukoners who participated in the study, and to the analysts who made this possible. You can visit the CBC’s website to read more about the report:

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SKOOKUMbrand Powers Up with \$100K Federal Boost

Last week I announced a federal investment of nearly \$100K for SKOOKUMbrand! This funding will upgrade their production equipment with cutting-edge design technology, boost productivity, and enhance their online presence. Together, we're setting the stage for more award-winning winter gear made in our very own Dawson City!

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\$3.7 million to foster Indigenous business growth and sustainability in the North

This month I also announced a **\$3.7 million** investment in EntrepreNorth's project focused on growing and supporting Indigenous businesses. This funding will help provide training, create jobs, and empower our communities across Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut. Together, we're working to build a vibrant ecosystem that celebrates Indigenous innovation and promotes sustainable economic growth.



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Funding Boost for Canada’s High-Performance Athletes

The federal government is enhancing support for Canada’s high-performance athletes. Minister Carla Qualtrough announced a \$35 million investment over five

years in the Athlete Assistance Program (AAP), with an extra \$7 million annually.

Sport is a source of national pride in Canada and the Yukon. It builds communities, stimulates economies, and contributes to the overall well-being of Canadians and the country.

Starting April 1, 2024, carded athletes will see a 23% increase in their monthly allowances: \$2,175 for senior cards and \$1,305 for development cards. Additional funding will support pregnant athletes, while key programs will also receive increases, including the Excellence Living and Training Allowance and Child Dependent Allowance (now \$615/month) and the Training and Competition Allowance for Paralympic athletes (now \$650/month).

Moreover, ten new senior card equivalents will be introduced for athletes in emerging Olympic and Paralympic sports.

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Investing in Housing Infrastructure Across Canada



Housing is a major challenge for young people today, with a shortage of options and rising costs. However, there's hope for change through a collaborative effort. This stream will provide funding to address urgent infrastructure needs that will directly create more housing.

In Budget 2024, the government committed to launching a \$6 billion Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF) to assist provinces, territories, and municipalities in building essential water and stormwater infrastructure to accelerate home construction. Of this, \$1 billion is allocated for a direct delivery stream, supporting municipalities and Indigenous communities in upgrading critical housing infrastructure.

Starting October 31, municipalities can apply for this funding. For more details, they can attend a [CHIF webinar](#) or consult the [applicant guide](#).

Mental Health of Black Canadians Fund

Black communities in Canada face major barriers to accessing mental health services, including high costs, bias, and a shortage of culturally representative professionals. To address this, the government is inviting proposals for the [Mental Health of Black Canadians Fund](#), offering \$1 million in funding. Community organizations can apply for up to \$100,000 for projects that promote mental health in Black communities, with proposals due by November 15, 2024.

Eligible projects must be Black-led and directly benefit these communities. This

funding is part of the \$4 million allocated in Budget 2024 to support initiatives that improve health equity and combat anti-Black racism.

A graphic with a dark blue background. At the top left, the text "Open Call for Proposals" is written in a large, white, serif font. Below this text is a 3x2 grid of six stylized portraits of diverse Black individuals. To the right of the grid, there is white text: "Community organizations can apply to help build their capacity to develop and deliver programs that promote the mental health of Black people in Canada." Below that, in a smaller white font: "Projects must be Black-led, benefit and be delivered to Black communities in Canada." At the bottom right, a horizontal rainbow line is followed by the text "Application Deadline is November 15th 2024" in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font.

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Launch of Emergency Treatment Fund Call for Proposals

The Honourable Ya'ara Saks, **Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health** alongside Parliamentary Secretary Élisabeth Brière and Yasir Naqvi, announced the launch of the first call for proposals for the [Emergency Treatment Fund \(ETF\)](#). The fund will invest \$150 million to help municipalities and First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities address their urgent needs and support rapid responses to the overdose crisis.

The ETF will provide short-term support to rapidly mobilize and build capacity for enhanced access to trauma-informed, substance use treatment that is evidence based, integrated services, and harm reduction supports, such as naloxone distribution and drug checking equipment. Further details on the ETF application process can be found in the [application guide](#).

Applications for this CFP will be accepted until November 08, 2024 at 2:00 PM EST.

National Crime Prevention Strategy

Last week, Minister LeBlanc announced that organizations can apply for funding under the [National Crime Prevention Strategy \(NCPS\)](#), from November 1 to December 20, 2024. About \$123.5 million will be available over the next five years, with \$700,000 annually dedicated to preventing bullying and cyberbullying.

This funding will support community-led initiatives targeting at-risk youth, particularly Indigenous and racialized youth, those involved in violence, and individuals with repeated contacts with the justice system.

The NCPS aims to enhance federal efforts in proactive crime prevention, addressing issues like auto theft, and gang involvement. This new investment builds on the approximately \$1.3 billion spent since 2018 on policing and gang prevention, reinforcing our commitment to keeping Canadians safe.

CANADA'S NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGY

- ✓ Funding **youth mentorship** to reduce school suspensions and expulsions
- ✓ Providing at-risk youth with **more support**
- ✓ Teaching **life skills to avoid recruitment** into organized crime or gangs



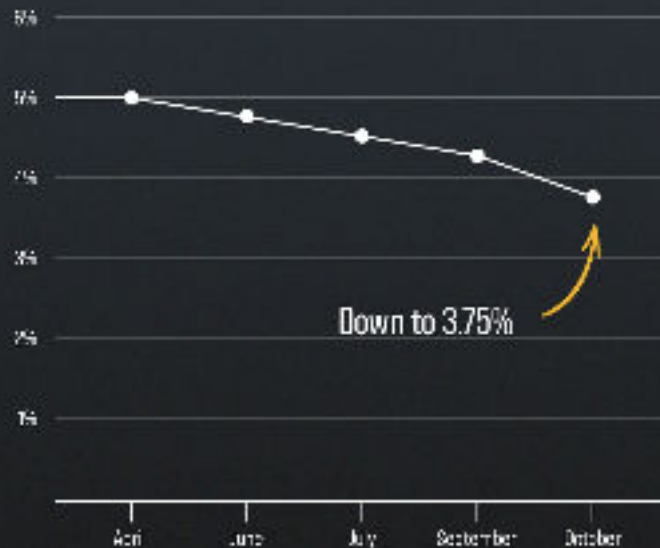
Interest rates lowered for a fourth time

The Bank of Canada's fourth interest rate cut is good news for Canadians, helping homeowners and businesses. This reflects our effective economic plan.

Canada leads the G7 in recovery, with inflation at 1.6%—the lowest in 3.5 years—and projected to have the second-best growth this year. Our government is focused on investing in housing and affordability to ensure success for future generations.



Interest rates in Canada have been cut again



Source: Bank of Canada [2024 Head News]

Financial assistance for Gazans arriving in Canada

Canada is deeply concerned about the Israel-Hamas conflict and the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. To support families of Canadians and permanent residents, we've implemented measures for extended family members seeking refuge from Gaza. While safe passage remains uncertain, we're coordinating with local authorities to facilitate their exit. Arriving Gazans will receive financial assistance, temporary health coverage, and settlement services. Additionally, eligible Israelis and Palestinians in Canada can apply for fee-exempt study or work permits during the ongoing conflict. We continue to monitor the situation and adapt our response to those in need.

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I'm still accepting amateur photo submissions for my calendar this year! Last day to submit is Nov 15, 2024.

Your image must be landscape orientation and high quality to be considered. Photos can showcase Yukon nature, events, people, sports, etc!

Please send your submissions via email to Brendan.Hanley@parl.gc.ca. Include your full name, where the photo was taken, and use subject line "Calendar Photo Submission" to enter!



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